

REMARKS

CLAIM STATUS AND AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-26 are pending in this case.

Claims 6, 9-11, 14-18, 23, 25 and 26 have been amended herein to remove the multiple dependency for fee calculation purposes only.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

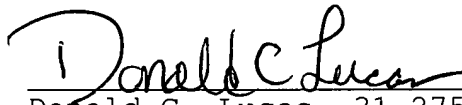
Attached is the ISR, PTO Form SB/08A (08-03) citing the references in the ISR, and copies of English Language Abstracts for the non-US Patent Office documents, except for JP 53-66596, because no English Language Abstract is available from the Japanese Patent Office.

Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition,

appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is
given to debit Account # 02-2275.

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